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SUBJ: LESOTHO'S CONCERN ABOUT U.S. VOTES ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA IN UNGA

1. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY MENTIONED LESOTHO'S DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. VOTING RECORD IN 28TH UNGA ON AFRICAN ISSUES IN GENERAL AND ON U.S. ABSTENTION ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON APARTHEID (RES 3151C) IN PARTICULAR. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE LESOTHO MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE TO U.S., PROBABLY AS OUTCOME OF VOTE NOT IN DOUBT. NEVERTHELESS GOL DISAPPOINTED U.S. DID NOT SUPPORT MATTER IN WHICH LESOTHO'S INTERESTS DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND IN WHICH, IN ITS VIEW, THERE NO APPARENT DIRECT U.S. INTEREST.

2. LESOTHO'S POSITION IS THAT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION MADE CLEAR THAT INFORMATION CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LESOTHO ALTHOUGH THIS NOT SPECIFIED IN TEXT OF RESOLUTION. WE BELIEVE LESOTHO
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WANTS CENTER TO HELP JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID, THEREBY

IMPROVING STANDING IN OAU. UNDERSTAND FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT GOL WILL SOON MAKE APPLICATION TO UNSYG TO HAVE CENTER VOTED BY RESOLUTION 3151C ESTABLISHED IN LESOTHO.

3. LESOTHO WAS SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ON CAMBODIAN AND KOREAN ISSUES IN 28TH UNGA AS IT PERCEIVED STRONG U.S. INTERESTS INVOLVED AND WISHED TO BE HELPFUL. NO THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT LESOTHO OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE TO

POSITIONS U.S. TAKES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES IN UN, AND AS A RESULT ITS ASSISTANCE MAY BE HARDER TO OBTAIN ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO U.S. IN 29TH UNGA.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT U.S. ABSTENTION BASED ON BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS BUT OUR LISTENERS CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THIS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR U.S. NON-SUPPORT OF MATTER OF DIRECT INTEREST TO LESOTHO.
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